

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
June 8, 1997**

Closed Session: A closed session was conducted.

Called To Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Opening ceremony was conducted by Alice Yellowbank.

Council Present: Janet Shomin, Shirley Oldman, Alice Yellowbank, George Anthony, Patti Dyer-Deckrow, Frank Ettawageshik, Barry Laughlin

Council Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Keller

Guests Present: See attached list.

AGENDA:

The agenda was amended.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to approve agenda as amended.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

BILLS:

The bills were reviewed.

Motion as made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the bills as presented.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

MINUTES/PHONE POLLS:

The phone poll approving Alice Yellowbank and Marilyn Williams to attend the NIGA meeting in Mt. Pleasant was reviewed.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve the phone poll of 5-22-97 supporting Alice Yellowbank and Marilyn Williams to attend the NIGA meeting in Mt. Pleasant.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

The May 18, 1997 Tribal Council meeting minutes were reviewed and amended.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adopt the May 18, 1997 meeting minutes as presented and amended.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve the January 19, 1997 meeting minutes as amended.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 11:13 a.m. Chairman Ettawageshik commented that his son graduated and invited Council to an open house next Saturday on June 14th. Patti Dyer-Deckrow commented on a key note address from Ada Deer. Susan Keller commented that Julie Keller, a tribal member, graduated with honors from Harbor Springs High School. She will be attending Lake Superior University this fall.

Public comment closed at 11:21 a.m.

Tribal Chairman's Report

The Election Board budget was discussed.

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve \$400.00 from the Development account for the meat and supplies for the installation ceremony and for the appreciation dinner for three Election Board members and two observers.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to approve the Election Board budget modification presented on 6-8-97.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: Shirley Oldman would prefer that when a person is asking for a budget to be passed, they should be at the Tribal Council meeting to answer questions.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve the Blackbird budget on an interim basis until the next administrative meeting on July 13, 1997.

Vote: 6 YES 1 (Janet Shomin) NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Council Departs: Shirley Oldman departed at 12:45 p.m.

Recess: Recess was called at 12:46 p.m. Meeting was called back to order at 1:08 p.m.

Tribal Chairman's Report cont'd.

Addressed the letter to Jim Tamlyn, Chairman of the Emmet County Commission draft agreement with central dispatch. The letter from the University of Michigan Museum regarding repatriation was discussed.

Council discussed a letter received from Stacey Tadgerson from Michigan State University requesting a list of enrollment to be used to generate data for a grant proposal. Patti Dyer-Deckrow will draft a denial of the tribal membership records to Chairman Ettawageshik's office.

Lynn Swanson and two members of the Blackbird Museum board met at museum looking at storage of the artifacts. A subsequent meeting was conducted with Fred Gueder, city manager of Harbor Springs, who indicated that the stone artifacts might be able to be left at the museum. The artifacts that required preservation would be included in the agreement between the City of Harbor Springs and the Tribe for 2 years.

A discussion was held regarding a temp agency person posting in house for an Accounting Technician position. It was the consensus of Council that the person was not eligible to apply in house, but if interested in the position would apply when the add for the position appeared in the newspaper.

CHSDA/IHS

A meeting was held in Battle Creek to get the tribal members in Grand Rapids contract health care. LTBB, Little River Band, and Pokagon Potawatomi, are receiving IHS funding based on membership, LTBB is receiving dollars for all members. LTBB can only service the tribal members with contract health in our service area. Council will draft a resolution supporting a CHSDA for the entire state, Lower Peninsula, two counties, and one county. Jim Bransky will draft the resolution and have it available at the next Tribal Council meeting.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** in support of **Resolution #06089701** in seeking expansion of our CHSDA, with entire state, lower peninsula, Kent & Ingham, or Kent county.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to adopt **Resolution #06089702** to authorize Arlene Naganashe and Frank Ettawageshik health training plan through the John Hopkins University.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: Health Board, Health Staff, and Council will be included in this training.

Community Meeting

Bids for food were discussed.

H.R. 1604

Land claims bill was handed out to Council.

Contracts

Small contracts were discussed and the need to have the Chairman's signature. Chairman Ettawageshik questioned if the contracts have to come to Council for approval before signing, and Chairman Ettawageshik was directed by Council that all contracts have to come to Council before signing. The language contract between LTBB and Ray Kiogima was discussed.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** authorizing Frank Ettawageshik to sign the language contract.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** authorizing Chairman Ettawageshik to sign an individual independent contract with Pat Naganashe, Aaron Otto, Ray Martell, Krystal Kiogima, Gina Kiogima, and Charlie Steele as counselors for the summer youth program upon review with general counsel, Jim Bransky.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 1 Alice Yellowbank ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to approve the verbal and written report of the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Administrator.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Historical Preservation

Wes Andrews will be accepting comments on the Historic Preservation Plan until June 13. This information will be sent on to the National Park Service. Wes distributed a proposed budget of the monitoring of the reconstruction of the Holy Childhood Church. The monitoring will run from the 16th of June to July 2nd or 3rd.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** to allow the tribal chairman to sign a contract with Wes Andrews for \$2500.00 for monitoring of the Holy Childhood project to come from Development.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to accept the Historic Preservation Officer's verbal and written report.

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Recess: Recess was called at 3:40 p.m. Meeting called back to order at 3:56 p.m.

Constitution

George Anthony requested a schedule of events for Constitution review. Discussion ensued, and it was Council's decision to hold a special work session on June 29, 1997 for review of the draft Constitution.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to hold a Tribal Council work session for Constitution review on June 29, 1997.

Vote: 5 YES 1 Barry Laughlin NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: This meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. A stipend will be paid to Council for this meeting. George Anthony, Shirley Oldman, and Barry Laughlin will be paid mileage. This will be a council work session.

Education Cell Phone Request

The request for a Cell phone for the Education Department was discussed. It was decided by Council that a new phone would not be purchased. The previous Tribal Administrator's phone will be lent to the Education Department for their use.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to go into a closed session at 4:31 p.m..

Vote: 6 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Council Departs: Patti Dyer-Deckrow departed at 5:15 p.m.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** in support of **Resolution #06089703** authorizing Chairman Ettawageshik to sign a special counsel in support of continuing the legal contract with Leonard, Street, and Deinard.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** in support of **Resolution #06089704** to renew MILS General Counsel contract.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** in support of **Resolution #06089705** to renew the MILS Special Counsel Contract.

Vote: 5 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Council Departs: Alice Yellowbank departed at 5:36 p.m.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve the drafts of the combined denial and appeals process letter requested by Linda Gokee.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Janet Shomin questioned who is responsible for completing close out reports. Chairman Ettawageshik stated that the close out reports are completed by department heads. He further stated the close out reports are complete, but is not sure if they have been mailed. Janet requested a copy of the close out reports. She further stated she was very impressed with the Tribal Court Administrator's report.

The Enrollment Report was discussed and the need for a more informative report for Council was identified. The request for a pay increase for the Enrollment Clerk by the Enrollment Officer was discussed.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** for Tribal Council stated they need to follow the procedures of the wage grid and hence would not allow the requested step increase from Step 2 to Step 5.

Vote: 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Natural Resources Commission

A complaint was issued by George Anthony that the maintenance person is not signing in at the NRC building. The Tribal Administrator will address this issue.

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to approve the written reports from attorney, office manager, accounting, health, human services, substance abuse, tribal court, enrollment, planner, NRC, housing, Education, Law enforcement, Blackbird Museum.

Vote: 4 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

Motion Carried

Motion was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to table the Higher Education procedure of the Education Department.

Vote: 4 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

Motion Carried

Comments: Send to committee for approval.

The background check has been completed and received on the Police Chief. Janet Shomin stated she was disappointed that the Police Chief missed the United States Attorney General's conference. Chairman Ettawageshik stated Phil was completing work for him.

Committee Reports

A trip was taken by Barry Laughlin and the maintenance man and furniture was brought back to the office. Janet Shomin stated she had requested from Marcia Sutton, office manager, two reports, one on personnel records, and a fixed asset report. She is still waiting for the fixed asset report.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** in support of moving the newsletter item to administrative reports.

Vote: 4 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

Motion Carried

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:47 p.m. There was no public comment issued.

Public Comment: Public comment closed at 6:47 p.m.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to adjourn meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Vote: 4 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAINED

Motion Carried

These minutes have been read & approved as written:

Barry Laughlin, Tribal Council Secretary

Date